

II. Remarks

A. Status of the claims

Claims 18, 22, 26, and 32 are pending. Claims 33-36 have been cancelled by this amendment without prejudice to the further prosecution of these claims in a continuation application. Claims 33-36 have been cancelled solely for the purpose of expediting allowance of the present application.

B. Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that “[c]laims 18, 22, 26, and new claim 32 define over the prior art of record and are therefore allowed.”

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner’s allowance of claim 18, 22, 26, and 32.

C. 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 33-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as previously applied to claims 7, 12, 21-24, 27-31.

By virtue of this amendment, claims 33-36 have been cancelled without prejudice to the further prosecution of these claims in a continuation application. As noted above, claims 33-36 have been cancelled solely for the purpose of expediting allowance of the present application. In view of the amendment to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner’s rejection is now moot.

D. Revocation and Appointment of New Power of Attorney

Included herewith is a Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Address of Correspondence Address appointing the following firm:

Davidson, Davidson & Kappel, LLC
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Also included with the Revocation of Power of Attorney is the Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and documents indicating the chain of title.

Applicants note that the Revocation of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) were previously submitted with the Amendment of March 31, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the correspondence address in the above-identified application be changed in accordance with these documents.


III. Conclusion

It is now believed that the above-referenced rejections have been obviated. It respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below if she believes that a telephonic interview will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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